AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended)   A method of inputting letters in a wireless terminal comprising steps of:

a) typing in ~~at least a~~ first and last letters of a word to be input, and pressing a function key;

b) recognizing as the last letter of the word to be input a letter typed-in prior to pressing the function key;

c) from a word repository, retrieving words having the same first and last letters as the typed-in first and last ones and displaying the retrieved words on a display device; and

d) selecting a desired word from the displayed words, and converting the typed-in first and last letters into the selected word,

wherein, in step c), a word to be retrieved has more than 6 letters;

wherein a cursor moves in front of the last letter so as to enable an additional letter to be input; and

wherein the retrieved word is displayed in a sequence of higher retrieval-frequency.

2-5   (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A method of inputting letters in a device capable of accepting letters as input comprising steps of:

a) typing a ~~first~~ predetermined number of letters sequentially from a first letter of a word to be input, and pressing <u>a</u> function key;

b) retrieving words starting with the typed-in letters, the retrieved words <u>having more than 6 letters</u>;

c) displaying the retrieved words on a display device; and

d) selecting a desired word from the displayed words, and converting the typed-in letters into the selected word.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (New) A method for inputting a word in a wireless terminal comprising:

inputting to the wireless terminal an initial sequence of letters having N letters, N being an positive integer greater than 1;

pressing a function key of the wireless terminal M times, M being an positive integer and less than N; and

retrieving from a word repository a first list of words that each begin with the first (N-M) letters of the initial sequence of letters, that each end with the last M letters of the initial sequence of letters, and that each have more than a predetermined number of letters.

9. (New) The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

displaying the initial sequence of letters on a display device of the wireless terminal.

10. (New) The method according to claim 9, further comprising:

displaying a cursor after the last letter of the initial sequence of letters on the display device of the wireless terminal;

11. (New) The method according to claim 10, further comprising:

moving the cursor from after a letter to before the letter each time the function key is pressed.

12. (New) The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

displaying the first list of words on a display device of the wireless terminal.

13. (New) The method according to claim 12, further comprising:

selecting a desired word from the first list of words by moving a cursor through the displayed first list of words.

14. (New) The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

inputting an additional letter to the wireless terminal .

15.   (New) The method according to claim 14 further comprising:

retrieving from the word repository a second list of words that each begin with the first (N-M) letters of the initial sequence of letters plus the additonal letter, that each end with the last M letters of the initial sequence of letters, and that each have more than the predetermined number of letters.

16.   (New) The method according to claim 15, further comprising:

displaying the second list of words on a display device of the wireless terminal.

17.   (New) The method according to claim 16, further comprising:

selecting a desired word from the second list of words by moving a cursor through the displayed second list of words.

18.   (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein the predetermined number is 6.